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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Three Americans wounded in a fight with the Filipinos. —— Volunteer regiments in the Philippines will begin the homeward movement New Year's Day. —— Situation in Pekin is not improved. —— Tung Fuh Siang has secured position as dictator, controls all the Chinese troops and terrorizes the Empress. —— Yerke's nomination as internal revenue commissioner of Kentucky has been confirmed. —— Bill introduced in the House to establish a home for Union and Confederate soldiers at Huntsville, Ala. —— District of Columbia occupied the time of the House yesterday. —— Lumber plant burned at Jackson, Miss ; loss $40,000. —— Two negroes reported to have been lynched for robbery and murder at Arcadia, Miss. —— Two columns of Boers are raiding Cape Colony. —— Paper box factory at Richmond, Va., burned. —— The French government decides that all "loot" seized in China by French forces shall be restored. —— The Senate yesterday again discussed the Hay Pauncefote treaty. ——Richard H. Harris, a bar tender, was shot and killed at Petersburg, Va., by F. J. A Pope, in a gambling dispute. —— N.Y. markets. Money on call steady at 4@5 per cent., last loan being at 5 per cent.; prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent.; cotton dull; middling uplands 10c; flour was a shade easier, checking the demand; wheat—spot easy; No. 2 red 77½c; corn—spot steady; No. 2, 45½c at elevator; oats—spot steady; No. 2, 27½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 18.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 35 degrees; 8 P. M., 46 degrees; maximum, 60 degrees; minimum, 33 degrees; mean, 34 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 2.23 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—For North Carolina—Fair Wednesday; increasing cloudiness Thursday; probably rain in central and southern portions; fresh southerly winds.

Port Almanac—December 19.

Sun Rises	7.06 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.48 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 42 M.
High Water at Southport.	5 58 P. M.
High Water Wilmington.	8 28 P. M.

When a man sues for $10,000 and gets a 6 cents verdict he concludes that he had a sort of picayune jury to deal with.

Only one quarter of Scotland is cultivated. The other three-quarters are meadow, heath, lake and forest, much of which is held as game ranges for titled gentry.

A woman in Syracuse, N. Y., has increased the population of that town with four sets of twins, in succession. Paradoxical as it may seem there is nothing odd about her.

The original Kentuckian was well grown. They have been opening some old graves and found the skeletons are of men seven feet and over in height. The men were red.

Domestic life must have very little excitement in it in Canada. Last year only seventeen bills of divorce were granted in the whole dominion, and in the past thirty-two years only 271.

Mrs. Craw, of West Virginia, orginally of Germany, is a nimble lady of 100 years, who not only does her own household work but supports herself by working with her needle.

Senator Hanna says "building up the sea power of the nation is simply a question of business!" Hanna always tackles the business end of things. He means business all the time.

Cornelius L. Alvord, the New York bank man who got away with $700,000 can give his lawyers a steady job. They have found 51 indictments against him, but they havent found the money.

A San Francisco man who was hankering for a nice quiet place to take a rest didn't have money enough to buy a ticket to Philadelphia, but did the next best thing, camped in a suburban cemetery.

There is a good deal of originality in Dr. Meredith, pastor of a Congregational church in Brooklyn. He has requested that his salary of $10,000 be reduced to $8,000 because there has been a falling off in pew rents.

A wealthy farmer in Nebraska got a divorce because his wife kept fussing at him on account of his sticking to Bryan and 16 to 1. He thinks being beaten twice in succession is tough enough without having it rubbed into him with his meals and lodging, which is more than any well-regulated Democratic citizen should be expected to submit to quietly.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. R. Bryant has returned to Scotland Neck.

— Mr. E. J. Powers, of Atlanta, was here yesterday.

— Mr. J. A. Westbrook, of Mount Olive, was here yesterday.

— Dr. B. R. Graham, of Wallace, was at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. W. W. Abbott, of Columbia, S. C., is at The Orton.

— Mr. Louis Goodman is at home from Chapel Hill for the holidays.

— Mr. H. L. McColl, of McColl's, S. C., was an arrival in the city yesterday.

— A. R. Dunning, Esq., went up to Wallace yesterday on professional business.

— Mr. A. M. Williams, of Brunswick, made business calls in the city yesterday.

— Mr. A. A. Wells, of Elm City, was among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday.

— Messr. B. O. Hankins and J. S. Trump, prominent insurance men, are in the city.

— Mr. Jno. Underwood, of Fayetteville, was among last evening's arrivals in the city.

— Miss Myrtie Stevens, of Clinton, passed through the city yesterday on her way to Clarkton.

— Col. Jno. D. Taylor's friends were glad to see him out yesterday after a recent spell of sickness.

— Mr. John L. James, of Duplin county, was among the wholesale merchants in the city yesterday.

— Miss Marien M. Heilig, of Salisbury, is visiting Miss Matilda Eilers, corner Fifth and Orange streets.

— Miss Emma Young who has been visiting at her old home at Petersburg, Va., has returned to the city.

— Mrs. J. I. Macks, who has been visiting relatives in Richmond for some time, returned home last night.

Miss Ellen Hawkins, of Scotland Neck, who has been here on a visit to Mrs. Hannah Sloan, returned home yeeterday.

— Lieut. Hanes, of the *Algonquin*, was the guest of friends at the links of the Cape Fear Golf Club yesterday afternoon.

— Mrs. A. Spell, Mrs. S. E. Porter and Miss Bessie Loftin returned to Rocky Point yesterday after spending a few days in the city.

— Miss Stella Shrier went up to Burgaw yesterday morning to do stenographic work at the special term of Pender Superior Court this week.

— Mrs. Robert Strange and children, Helen and Robert, left yesterday for Lawrenceville, Va , where they will spend a few days prior to going to Richmond.

— Messrs. George McMillan, of Ivanhoe; W. Gaylord, of Point Caswell; J. A. Stanley, of Shallote; I. J. Scott, of Rose Hill, and Jno. J. Hilburn, of Phœnix, were among yesterday's visitors to the city.

— Mr. and Mrs. R. S. French, who were recently married in Charleston, will arrive this week to spend Christmas with Mr. French's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. French. They will spend New Year's at Mrs. French's home in Charleston.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Chosen Friends—Notice.
N. F. Parker—Surest way.
Samuel Bear, Sr.—For rent.
Munroe & Kelley—Comfort.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Sweetest.
Williams Bros.—For Christmas.
Mercer & Evans Co.—Xmas goods.
Opera House—Bowery After Dark.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Maltese kitten.

Knights of Honor Election.

Carolina Lodge, No. 434, Knights of Honor, elected the following officers for the ensuing year at its regular meeting held last night:
Dictator—H. P. West.
Vice Dictator—A. J. Howell.
Assistant Dictator—N. Jacobi.
Financial Reporter—T. O. Bunting.
Reporter—S. G. Hall.
Treasurer—J. L. Cantwell.
Chaplain—J. W. Craig.
Guide—R. C. Cantwell.
Sentinel—J. M. McGowan.
Trustees—R. C. Cantwell, R M. Wescott and J. M. McGowan.

Supreme Council Met.

The Supreme Council of the Order of Chosen Friends held a meeting in New York yesterday and considered the matter of merging the order into the Standard Fraternal Association. Mr. H. C. Twining, secretary of Wilmington Council, has been notified that a full report of their action will be forwarded at once. The Supreme Council urges that all the Councils hold together as it will be to their interest. The Wilmington Council has called a meeting for to-night.

National Union Election.

Worth Bagley Council, National Union, has elected the following officers: W. C. VonGlahn, president; Geo. K. West, vice president; T. J. Pratt, secretary and treasurer; T. F. Bagley, financial secretary; Rev. A. D. McClure, chaplain; M. Marshburn, speaker; James Smith, guide. These officers will be installed in January by District Deputy Grand Rev. A. D. McClure.

THE TIMBER PROSPECTS.

Mr. H. McL. Green, a Veteran Dealer, Talks of the Prospects and Prices for the Coming Season.

With the advent of Winter and Spring, the season of logging up the Cape Fear and the rivers tributary to that stram, comes much speculation on the wharf as to the timber prospect for the coming year. This speculation is not alone confined to the saw mill men but there is also a large number of other people who are dependent to a more or less extent upon the industry.

A STAR representative yesterday had an interview with Mr. H. McL. Green, who has been in the timber business for the past 29 years, fifteen years of which time, at first, he was a dealer and the past fourteen years an inspector of timber. Mr. Green has recently found time, aside from his duties as county treasurer, to again enter the field as a dealer in timber and has, therefore, informed himself of the situation which, combined with his long experience in the business, has well qualified him to speak with authority on the subject.

Asked as to what the market will do this Winter and next Spring, he said the general outlook for long leaf, hard and yellow pine was bright and he thought it would bring good paying prices all the season. But as to short leaf or Rosemary timber, he said that he could not speak so favorably, as it was dull and hard to sell, but he thought it would improve, and advised all who thought of cutting short leaf to observe the length of 16, 24, 28 and 32 feet.

Logs, he says, are bringing the following prices according to size and quality:

Pine—Sixteen feet long, 12 inches and up in diameter, $5 00 per m.; knotty, $3.25; wormy and box-faced, $2.00.

Cypress—Sixteen feet long, 20 inches and up in diameter, $6.50; same lenth, 16 to 20 inches in diameter, $5.50; same length, 12 to 16 inches in diameter, $4.00; knotty timber, $3.00.

Ash—Sixteen feet long, 12 inches and up, $7.50; knotty, $3.00.

WILL HAVE NO FIREWORKS.

Police Will Strictly Enforce Law Concerning All Kinds of Explosives.

The police, figuratively speaking, have set their pegs against a premature celebration of the merry Yuletide this year and have already begun to check the exuberance of Young America over the approaching event which manifested itself pretty generally yesterday afternoon for the first time in the indiscriminate popping of firecrackers and small torpedoes about the streets.

As an initiatory step or a foreboding of what they propose to do to day and to-night, four arrests were made yesterday and the youthful celebrators were recognized for their appearance in the uMnicipal court this morning. The law expressly provides that no fireworks shall be exploded on the streets before December 24th, and the police have inaugurated a crusade against this manner of violation, the growth of which it would be well for the small boy to watch.

After December 24th, with certain limitations, fireworks may be used on the streets with impunity until January 1st. Then the "open season," so to speak, does not come again until the Glorious Fourth.

A VALUABLE INVENTION.

Mr. J. L. Grafflin Has Secured Letters Patent for Improved Mechanism.

Mr. Jno. L. Grafflin, of this city, and a machinist in the shops of Mr. C. M. Whitlock, has just received through his attorneys in Washington, Messrs. C. A. Snow & Co., letters patent for a very useful invention in the form of a key-seat cutter, which will prove a boon to the "workers in iron and steel" everywhere.

The invention is an improved machine for cutting key-seats on shafts, its object being to provide a simple and portable key-seat cutting mechanism, which is adapted to operate upon shafting placed in any position or of any diameter, the seat forming devices having an automatic feed movement and being so controlled as to insure the formation of the key-seat in parallelism with the axis of the shaft operated upon.

Mr. Grafflin is yet undecided as to what he will do with his invention. He has received several very flattering offers for his patent from Northern concerns, but thinks now that he will manufacture the machine himself. This he can do, placing them on the market at a cost of about $50 each.

Will Be Married in Sumter.

Capt. Wiley Sholar, formerly of Wilmington, will be married at Sumter, S. C., on Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock to Miss Edna Flowers, a charming young lady of that city who has several times visited friends in Wilmington. Capt. Sholar and bride will come at once to Wilmington where they will be the guests for some time of Mr. John T. Sholar, a brother of Capt. Sholar and manager of the King Grocery Company of this city. City Clerk and Treasurer B. F. King will leave this afternoon for Sumter to attend the marriage ceremony.

Tickets on sale for everybody for the Christmas Holidays on Seaboard Air Line Railway, December 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, and also December 30th and 31st, 1900, and January 1st, 1901, good until January 4th, inclusive. †

LOCAL DOTS.

— A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held this evening at 8 o'clock.

— Steamer *Falka* sailed from Huelva, Spain, for Wilmington, N. C., December 15th.

— Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., nominated officers last night for election at the next regular meeting.

— The wood work of the power house of the Wilmington Street Railway Company is being handsomely repainted.

— The big street roller has been removed from the city quarries and is now doing work in the vicinity of Fifth and Market streets.

— Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, will hold its regular monthly meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the W. L. I. armory.

— Judge Moore, of the Eastern District Criminal Court, has written Mr. W. R French that he has greatly improved in health since his last visit to Wilmington.

— At a meeting of the Royal Grand Bouncers last night, Mr. J. C. Meier was cast into the dungeon and introduced hastily and abruptly to the number of imps that inhabit there. He came out a full-fledged Naval Reserve.

— Wilmington did not send a representative to the base base ball meeting at Norfolk last night for the purpose of forming a two State league. Unless local interest in the national game is revived it looks as if Wilmington will have no base ball the coming season.

— Papers were filed yesterday with the Register of Deeds transferring from Louise Fleming, of Norfolk, to Martin Schnibben, property 72x66 feet, on Nixon's alley, which runs from Fifth to Sixth street between Walnut and Red Cross; considertion, $300.

— The employes of both the mail and express services are now unusually hard pressed on account of the extra holiday business. Quantities of bamboo, smilax, mistletoe, etc , are being expressed from this city to the North, which increases the burden of employes of this branch of transportation.

REVENUE CUTTER ALGONQUIN

Arrived in Port Yesterday—Matters of Interest to Friends of Officers.

The *Algonquin* arrived in port yesterday after a ten days' cruise around Hatteras and Cape Lookout. Lieutenant Reinberg stated that with the exception of a little rough weather, the cruise was uneventful. The cutter will be in port for a day or two to fill her bunkers with coal and to take on stores.

Chief Engineer E P. Webber and First Assistant Engineer H. N. Wood, who have been transferred to the *Algonquin*, went aboard yesterday. Chief Engineer F. E. Owen, who has been transferred to another station, will turn over his department to Mr. Webber in a few days. Mr. Owen has been granted a month's leave and will spend a part of it in Wilmington, much to the delight of his many friends.

Capt. Willey is still confined to the Marine Hospital by sickness and in his absence Lieut. Reinberg is in command.

Shipping Notes.

The Clyde steamship *Saginaw* arrived from New York at about 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

Standard Oil Company's barge No. 58 arrived yesterday afternoon from Baltimore with a supply of oils for the Wilmington branch of the concern.

The schooner *Jno. R. Rodwell*, Capt. Quinlan, cleared yesterday for Jeremi, Hayti, with a cargo of yellow pine lumber and shingles consigned by the Chadbourn Lumber Company.

The British steamship *Oaklands*, Capt. Granger, cleared yesterday with a cargo of 6,300 bales of cotton; valued at $320,000, consigned by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son to parties in Ghent, Belgium.

Basket Ball Friday.

The business men's gymnasium class and the young men's class are practicing hard for the match game of basket ball to be played Friday night at the Y. M. C. A. The young men's team had a fine practice last night and the business men's class will have a full practice this afternoon. Considerable friendly feeling has been stirred up between the two teams and the game will no doubt be well worth seeing. Following are the names of some of those who compose the business men's class: Capt. C. W. Durant, Dr. C. T. Hawes, Messrs. N. N. Davis, George Crow, George James, John Frank, W. W. Turner, B. H. Marshall and W. L. Williford.

A Popular Travelling Man.

Mr. J. M. Cochran, of Atlanta, the popular representative of Coca-Cola, "at all soda fountains," is here calling on the trade. Mr. Cochran is a thorough Southerner, though travelling from New York, and always finds a warm welcome wherever he goes. Incidentally, while on a visit to the STAR office last evening, he spoke a good word for "What Happened to Jones," which appears at the Opera House to-night and says "you may advise all your friends to go."

There will be one fare for the round trip for the Christmas Holidays, by the Seaboard Air Line Railway, between points in the State of Florida, and one and one-third fares between points in other States. †

OPERA HOUSE THIS WEEK.

"What Happened to Jones" To-night, "Runaway Girl" To-morrow and Terry McGovern Friday.

"What Happened to Jones"—George H. Broadhurst's new play "What Happened to Jones" which will be seen at the Opera House to-night, is one of those laughable skits mixed with the liveliest kind of fun which keeps the audience constantly on the laugh. Mr. Broadhurst, the author, is a man of versatility and genius, and one of the leading farce comedy writers of the day. He does not depend altogether on specialty people to sustain his reputation, but in all his plays there is a well defined plot, and a wealth of witty dialogue. Like Mr. Broadhurst's farce comedy "Why Smith Left Home," "What Happened to Jones" was written for laughing purposes only, and the amusing way he gets in and out of trouble is well worth a visit to the theatre. Seats are now on sale.

"A Runaway Girl."—"The very poetry of motion!" Rippling music!" "Inspiring marches!" "Exquisite dances!" "Beautiful costumes." "Pretty forms and faces," "Magnificent finales," Bright and witty dialogue," "Sprightly and vivacious chorus," "A superb cast," "Magnigcent scenery"—such are said to be some of the many phrases used in the press of New York city after seeing the production of "A Runaway Girl" at Daly's Theatre, which will be seen here to morrow night. That they have been well deserved has been evidenced by the continual success of the play and the constant application of the above phrases, or others similar, by the press and public wherever the comedy is presented. Seats are now on sale.

"The Bowery After Dark"—Terry McGovern, the greatest little fighter the world has ever seen, who by defeating George Dixon and Frank Erne, respectively, now holds the titles of both feather and light-weight championships, will appear at each and every performance of "The Bowery After Dark," the great sensational melodrama, at the Opera House Friday night. Mr. McGovern plays the part of "Bowery Boy" in this production and boxes with his sparring partner in the scene, which realistically portrays the interior of the Broadway Athletic Club of New York. Seats on sale tomorrow morning. No advance in prices.

THEIR RETIRING CHAPLAIN.

Dr. Strange Talked to Members of Wilmington Division, Naval Reserves.

Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, the retiring rector of St. James' parish, who will leave Thursday for his new home at Richmond, visited the armory of the Wilmington Division, Naval Reserves last night after drill and as their chaplain he made the sailors an informal farewell talk which was full of feeling and appropriate in the extreme. He expressed great regret at having to leave them and commended the boys in the highest terms for their past record and expressed the hope that they would maintain it to the end. At the close of his talk he prayed fervently for the division and each member of it.

He was presented to the boys by Lieutenant Skelding, commanding, and as he left the armory he bade each member a fond farewell. His successor as chaplain has not yet been named.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in its rooms in the Seaboard Air Line building this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, and a full attendance of members is urged. Among the matters for consideration are the Cullom bill, designed to enlarge the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the project introduced by Mr. J. A. Arringdale at the last regular meeting regarding the dredging of a channel for barges and canal boats from New River Inlet to Northeast river. Capt. Edgar D. Williams, harbor master at the port of Wilmington, with whom the idea originated, is expected to be present. Committees which have been appointed to look into these matters will report at the meeting this afternoon.

Wilmington Lodge of Masons.

At last night's meeting of Wilmington Lodge, No. 319, A. F. & A. M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
W. M.—Eric Norden.
S. W.—R. C. Cantwell.
J. W.—W. B. Cooper.
Treasurer—W. G. A. Otersen.
Secretary—Thomas F. Bagley.
These, with the appointive officers, will be installed on St. John's Day, December 27th.

An Apron Bazaar.

An apron bazaar was given yesterday afternoon and evening by the ladies of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the parish house of St. James' Church. Many beautiful aprons of different styles and patterns were displayed and found ready purchasers. Refreshments were served to all who attended. The bazaar was given under the direction of Mrs. Ellen Giles, assisted by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the church. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the church.

Daughters of the Confederacy.

At the meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, this afternoon, plans for the next meeting, which will fall on General Lee's birthday, January 19th, will be discussed. They will participate with the veterans this year as they did the year before in commemorating the occasion. Mrs. Sarah S. James, secretary of the Chapter, will read a report from the recent State convention in Raleigh. A full attendance is urged.

See your nearest Agent for the low rates home on Christmas Holidays, via the Seaboard Air Line Railway. †

AUDIT AND FINANCE BOARD.

Regular Semi-Monthly Meeting Held Last Night—Routine Matters.

The business transacted at last night's regular semi-monthly meeting of the city Board of Audit and Finance was principally of a routine character, the greater portion of the time of the session having been consumed in the examination and approval of bills for current expenses, of which there were more than the usual number, the first meeting for the month having been omitted on account of the lack of a quorum.

The bond of the S. P. Cowan Livery Company for the faithful performance of its contract to house, feed and care for the live stock in the street cleaning department and that of the Fore & Foster Company for a proper observance of its agreement to provide lumber for the city, were accepted in the sums of $1,000 and $500 respectively.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. H. C. McQueen (chairman), W. A. Riach, Jesse Wilder, S. P. McNair and W. H. Northrop, Jr. (clerk). Adjournment was taken, subject to call of the chairman.

WILMINGTON LODGE OF ELKS.

Very Enthusiastic Meeting Held in New Club House Last Night.

The Wilmington Lodge of Elks held an enthusiastic meeting last night, at which the following gentlemen were elected on a governing board to manage the affairs of the new social club organized in connection with the lodge proper: Messrs. H. J. Gerken (chairman), Jas. F. Woolvin, R. W. Wallace, L. Stein and Dr. T. B. Carroll. The board will formulate rules for the government of the club, and they will be acted upon at the next meeting.

The report of the committee on the charter was approved, and the committee was instructed to make application to the Secretary of State, through the Clerk of the Superior Court, for incorporation papers. The lodge is enjoying much prosperity, and the club feature is growing in favor and popularity daily.

Reception to Ladies.

It is learned that very soon the Masonic fraternity of the city will tender to the ladies of Wilmington a very elaborate reception in recognition of the very valuable assistance rendered to the order by them upon the occasion of the Masonic Fair here a little more than a year ago and the chrysanthemum show this Fall. It was at first intended to give the reception in connection with the last named event in which they so valuably aided, but this idea was, for a combination of reasons, abandoned and it is now proposed to give the event on a magnificent scale later. Each of the lodges in the city, it is understood, has taken the matter up through committees which will report later.

Will Be Married To-day.

Misses Henrietta Shepard and Sallie and Willie Ennett went up to Rocky Point yesterday to be present to day at the marriage of Miss Carrie Sparkman, of that town, and Mr. Jesse Lucas, of Curry. The wedding will occur at high noon.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure promp and regular delivery.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT. †

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

A special meeting of Wilmington Council, No. 19, Order of Chosen Friends, is called for to-night at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present, as business of grave importance will be transacted. H. C. TWINING, Secretary.
dec 19 1t

Opera House
Wednesday, December 19.
First Time Here of—
Brandhurt's
—Furiously Funny Farce,
What Happened to Jones
The Funniest Play Ever Written. dec 16 3t

Opera House
Friday, Dec. 21st.
TERRY McGOVERN,
In an elaborate production of the
"Bowery After Dark."
An exact reproduction of the Broadway Athletic Club for the Bout Car-load of Scenery. Competent Cast, including Agnes Herndon, Joseph Harrington and others. dec 19 3t

Kerchner & Harriss,
Fresh stock of Groceries.
Our line of goods consists of staple articles only. We have everything needed for Xmas trade.
Handsome $50.00 Doll will be presented
to largest purchaser of goods at our store from Monday morning, 17th, ending Xmas eve., 10 o'clock.
dec 16 tf

Sale of Whips.
THE FENNELL BANKRUPT STOCK ON SALE DAILY FROM 10 TO 12 A. M., AND 3 TO 5 P. M., AT THE STORE.
dec 13 1m

$400,000.00 to lend on good security
By the ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK.
With a larger combined capital, surplus and profits than any other bank in Eastern North Carolina, and the largest line of deposits in the State, the Atlantic National Bank has ample means to treat liberally customers offering satisfactory security.
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C. W. WORTH, J. W. NORWOOD.
dec 13 tf

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Furniture and Furniture Novelties,
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Open every evening this week. dec 19 tf

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SAMUEL BEAR, Sr.
dec 19 tf 18 Market street.

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THAT'S OUR BUSINESS.
We have Ground Pepper, Castor Oil, Lemon, Vanilla, Cinnamon, Nutmegs, Spices, Salts, Seal Skin Smoking Tobacco, Fancy and Cheap Plug Tobacco and Snuff, Cakes, Candies, Oranges, Apples, Fish, Meat, Flour, Sugar, Coffee, Rice, Molasses and other Groceries for sale.
WE DON'T ASK FOR THE CASH.
Just send us your Cotton, Spirits, Rosin, Tar, Eggs, Chickens, Turkeys, Cattle, Timber, Potatoes, Peas, Pork, and all Country Produce. We have time to sell it and we keep up with markets, get your goods cheap and sell your Produce for best prices.
T. D. LOVE,
114 North Water street.
Steamers for Fayetteville, N. C. Freight and passengers. Monday and Thursday, leave 3 o'clock P. M. T. D. LOVE, General Manager.
nov 28 tf

For Christmas.
Apples, Oranges, Nuts, C. C. Nuts, Candies in Baskets Buckets and Boxes.
Raisins, and a full line of
Heavy Groceries.
We also have a few selected Mullets and Mullet Roe left.
Williams Bros.
Dec. 18, 1900. dec 19 tf

Sweetest of Sweets.

Most Anybody Can make Candy, many people can make Candy that looks well, some can make good Candy, and a few can make Candy that not only looks delicious and tempting, but is really good, pure, and wholesome. We are one of that very few. Let us prove it to you.
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MOON'S PHASES.

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Third Quarter 13 5:42 p. m. | First Quarter 28 8:48 p. m.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 19.

LOSING STRENGTH.

W. E. Curtis, the Washington correspondent of the Chicago *Record*, a man who keeps well informed and who, by the way, is a Republican, writes his paper that the Ship Subsidy bill is losing ground among the Republicans in Congress and that the indications are that it is in imminent danger of being defeated. The more it is discussed the more apparent its weak and objectionable points become, and the more its advocates say in defence of it the more they contradict themselves. Mr. Hanna, for instance, in his speech in reply to Senator Clay, gave away the whole scheme when he admitted, and did it in a boastful way, that we had quadrupled our foreign commerce within the past forty years, the date at which he fixed the decline of our merchant marine. How does this admission fit into the contention that subsidies are necessary to encourage Americans to invest in ships to the end that our commerce may be fostered, when that commerce has continued to grow right along year after year, growing steadily until at the end of forty years it is four times as large as it was in 1860, and when it is increasing now faster than it ever did before? If it could do all this without an American merchant marine, where is the need of giving away $9,000,000 a year of the people's money to help a commerce that is making remarkable and splendid progress without any help, and in spite of handicapping tariff legislation, too?

If American exports suffered for lack of transportation facilities across the seas there might be some plausible excuse for advocating a subsidy to encourage the building of more ships to supply the necessary transportation, assuming that these ships could not be otherwise furnished, but it does not appear, nor has it ever been asserted that one bushel of wheat, one pound of meat, one pound of cotton or one pound of anything else intended for export could not be exported from lack of ships. There may have been times when in the rush of business exporters may have experienced some delay in securing the service they needed, and there may have been times when extraordinary demands for vessels, in time of war may have occasioned some delay and an advance in the charges for ocean service, but that has been seldom, and even in spite of that all the exportable stuff that was to be shipped found shipping and reached the markets it was intended for.

It would be better, of course, if we had all the ships we needed to do our ocean carrying, for every nation should be as completely equipped as possible, and be as nearly as possible entirely independent of other nations, but until it can be indisputably shown that our commerce is seriously injured from want of American ships, and that it is impossible to have American ships without subsidies, there is no decent excuse for demanding them. The subsidy advocates will not assert that our commerce is crippled from lack of transportation for they not only admit but boast of the splendid progress it has made and is now making, which estops them on that line, and effectually disposes of the pretence that more ships—American ships—are necessary.

Not being able to truthfully or consistently assert this then they must base their demand for subsidies on something else. They say that American mails should be carried in American ships, which is true, and they say that the American merchant marine should be equipped with a sufficient number of vessels of a class which could be readily converted into auxiliary war ships in case of war, which is also true. And they might also add that we should have vessels to carry American passengers and American freights across the seas, but this may all be, and yet there may be no necessity and therefore no justification for subsidies, when these ships can all be and will in time be furnished without subsidies, just as soon as it becomes apparent that there is need for more ships and that there is reasonable profit in operating ships.

Subsidies will not tempt Americans to engage in sea traffic unless they are persuaded that there is reasonable profit in it. If they have to depend upon subsidies, then very few will embark in that business, for a few leading companies which would build the most favored class of ships would absorb the bulk of the subsidies, leaving the others with very little and giving the country a very small merchant marine and that of a kind of vessels that would carry very little freight. The fact is that with the possibilities of a few favored companies absorbing the bulk of the subsidies, and the position this would put them in to prevent or strangle competition, the subsidies would eventually become an obstacle in the way of an American merchant marine rather than a help to it. With the subsidies and combination between the companies drawing them they could crush opposition by individual ship owners or by companies which did not have the benefit of the subsidies.

If this country were never to become a ship-building country this might not be a matter of much importance, for then we would always be practically dependent upon foreign ships to do the bulk of our ocean carrying, but this country is to become a great ship-building country, and in the near future will be the world's greatest ship-builder, without any subsidy inducements, but simply because ships can be built here more cheaply than they can be built elsewhere. English ship-builders say they can be now, and the reason why more are not built is because our ship-builders want a big profit on their contracts, while European builders are satisfied with a small profit.

The discussion of this subject is bringing many facts bearing upon it to light, and the more light thrown upon it the more transparent the subsidy fraud becomes. No wonder some of the Republican statesmen are becoming shy of it.

SOME MORE OBJECT LESSONS.

A short while ago in one of the fashionable suburbs of Chicago the citizens formed a vigilance committee to protect their women from the assaults of negroes on the streets, and declared that they would "hang on the lawn in front of the club house" the first negro caught. More recently in a town in Pennsylvania a similar vigilance committee, the result of similar outrages, was organized, and yesterday the wires brought us the reports of the lynching of three negroes in Indiana for the murder of a white man.

Some time ago it was customary in the North when a negro was lynched for rape or murder, (or for both as sometimes happened, the former crime being followed by the latter) for the papers to publish severe articles on Southern lawlessness, which they attributed to race hatred. Now the question is being brought home to them, and they learn that with the same provocation there is little or no difference between the average white man of the North and the average white man of the South and that both will be quick to avenge outrage on their women and the spilling of white men's blood by negro hands.

It may be said by some that this is race hatred; perhaps it is, but if it is it is also proof that there is as much race hatred in the North as there is in the South, and if there were as many negroes in the North as there are in the South, and the provocations for lynching were so numerous there would probably be more, because the Northern people do not understand the negro as the Southern people do and do not draw the line so well between the vile and vicious and those who behave themselves.

But as time rolls on they are learning something, and with occasional object lessons, such as we have referred to, they will be less disposed to look upon Southern lynchers as brutal negro haters.

Henry Hoffman, of St. Louis, has discovered that he is entitled to the prefix "Von" before his name and also to a $2,000,000 estate in Germany. He has already hitched on to the "Von" and has gone to Germany to hitch on to the estate. With the "Von" prefix and the $2,000,000 annex Henry will be pretty well fixed, provided there be no hitch in the supplementary proceedings.

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Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard street, Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"it soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, some thing I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles 10c. at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Every bottle guaranteed. †

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

Technical schools are growing in favor in the South, although they are not growing in number very rapidly. But that they are growing in favor, and also increasing in number, although not rapidly, is an encouraging sign. At the recent industrial convention in New Orleans, there was some interesting talk on this line, one of the principal addresses being delivered by Prof. Lyman D. Hall, of the Georgia School of Technology, in the course of which he said:

"Go into any of the marts of trade in this country and ask for an article requiring skill and intelligence in its manufacture. Select the finest and best. They will tell you: 'Oh, yes; that is the best. It is imported.' Whenever I hear that sentence I know it is an acknowledgement of American inferiority in manufactured articles. A technical education gives Europe the advantage of America, so, in this country, it gives the North the advantage over the South—an advantage more marked in degree, more startling in effect, and in the war of commerce, more crushing in its defeats, for the South has no protective tariff against the North, as the North has against Europe."

One of the first countries in Europe to give serious, systematic attention to the techical training was Germany, and as result Germany has become a successful and great manufacturing country. So generally has the skill and good workmanship of the German been recognized that the brand "made in Germany" is what might be called a certificate of character for the goods offered, and these goods in England and in some other countries, have sent the home made goods to the rear. Goods like people, must have character to stand well and command favorable recognition.

Speaking of the advantage from a purely money standpoint, of thoroughly understanding the manipulation of raw materials, and the resultant enhancement of values, Prof. Hall continued:

"Aniline colors, surpassing in beauty the Tyrian purple, are made from the coal tar, until lately a worthless refuse, and the aniline blue sells for $38 per pound. A pound of cotton costing 6 cents, made into muslin of good design, sells for 50 cents, and into chintz $4. A pound of the finest cotton, costing 25 cents, made into cotton lace, will bring $1,000. Iron ore, costing 75 cents, made into bar iron, will sell for $5; horseshoes, $10.50; table knives, $180; the finest needles, $6,000; shirt buttons, $29,480; watch springs, $200,000; hair springs, $400,000; pallet arbors, $3,577,595."

By way of illustration. With all of our cotton mills in the South, we still buy our finer cotton fabrics from the North, and our mills have been sending their product North to be "printed" and shipped back to us or to the markets where they are to be sold.

With the finest furniture-making timber in the world we are dependent on the North for nearly all our fine and most of our common furniture.

With the best timber in the world for carriages, buggies, etc., we are dependent on Northern and Western manufactories for nearly all the carriages and buggies we use, although much of the timber that goes into them goes from Southern forests.

These are a few of the many examples that might be cited where we furnish the raw material and buy back the finished product at a high price.

The technical school will in time be a means of putting an end to all this, and give us the profit on the resources that a bountiful nature has given us, which profits are now reaped by others who have the skill to convert these resources into higher priced forms.

Sam Small doesn't seem to have a very high opinion of the Cubans. He says the constitutional convention now in session, is composed of four "niggers" with the rest about on a par with the nig quartet. He says he could take thirty boys out of the high schools of New York and in thirty days make a better constitution than that convention can concoct. While Sam hasn't a high opinion of the islanders it may be incidentally remarked, if late reports from Havana be true, that the Cubans haven't a very high opinion of Sam.

According to a Connecticut jury a girl's fingers are worth 800 apiece in that State. A factory girl lost two fingers by getting caught in some machinery and sued for $2,000 on the ground that the loss of the fingers damaged her that much in matrimonial market. The jury figured and allowed her $1,600. It seems that the men in that State prefer women with the regulation number of fingers.

The one-cent piece is coming to the front. There is such a demand for it that fourteen coining machines in the Philadelphia mint are kept running over time to supply the demand. They turn out 500,000 a day, and efforts are made to run the output up to 800,000. Not satisfied with this some financiers are beginning to cry out for half-cent coins.

Wm. J. Bryan says he has no idea of running for the U. S. Senate. He is looking higher than that. He is going to join the elect editorial fraternity and publish a weekly paper under the name of the *"Commoner."*

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: The Goldsboro Buggy Company was incorporated Monday. The capital stock is $35,000 and it is to continue thirty years.

— Lincoln *Journal*: Albert Brown and Miss Mary Hoke were married at Reepsville Wednesday. The groom is about 21 years of age, and the bride only 14

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The death of Miss Elizabeth Pate occurred Sunday night at her home near Mt. Carmel Church, in this county. She was 81 years of age.

— Alamance *Gleaner*: Mr. Geo. W. Sylvester, mining engineer, is now prospecting in the interest of Northern capitalists for opening a quarry in the western part of Chatham county from which mantels will be made.

— Lumberton *Argus*: Mr. J. W. Gaddy, of Gaddysville, tells us of the death of Mr. Jess Herring, of McArthur's this county, which occurred at his home last Friday morning. He was stricken with paralysis on Thursday about 1 o'clock.

— Warrenton *Record:* There is on exhibition in our office some cotton stalks of the limbless variety, that were grown by Mr. B. Emmett Collins this year. He had only seed enough to plant half an acre from which he gathered over 1,200 pounds of seed cotton.

— Asheboro *Courier*: Mr. Cicero Davis, one of the proprietors of the Asheboro Roller Mills, was caught in a part of the machinery of the mill on Tuesday of this week and severely injured, many bones being mangled and broken. At first his recovery was doubted, but his recovery is now expected with confidence.

— Gastonia *Gazette*: Friday afternoon two negro boys named John Sanders and Calvin Morrison who had been working for the Reid Brick Company, had a quarrel which resulted in a shooting scrape. Morrison shot Sanders through one lung and after surveying his fallen victim for a moment fled. He has not yet been apprehended. The wounded man is in a critical condition.

— Roxboro *Courier*: We regret to learn of the tragic death of our esteemed friend John D. Clayton. Late Tuesday evening he took the bucket and went to the spring, which is about one hundred yards from the house, and not returning, some one of the family followed to see what was the trouble, and they found him in the spring with life extinct. The spring is a very large one, about 6 feet square and 3 feet deep, and it is supposed he lost his balance and was unable to get up

— Newbern *Journal:* Capt. John A. Dill came up on the mail train from Morehead City Monday morning. At South Front street Capt. Dill jumped from the cars, retaining hold of the hand rail for a moment, and upon letting go he fell towards the tracks, his head striking against the journal box in which the wheels axle revolves. The wheels narrowly missed running over him and as it was his scalp was badly torn and the skull fractured. Capt. Dill was able reach Dr. Frank Hughes' office on Middle street with the assistance of friends where he received attendance and was then taken to the home of his brother, Mr. S. D. Dill of the A. & C. C. railroad, and was reported resting as easily as could be expected.

TWINKLINGS.

— "Don't you think you could learn to love me?" "Oh, dear, no. I'm so stupid I can't learn anything."—*Life.*

— "Was it a valuable watch you lost, madam?" "Valuable! All five of my children cut their teeth on it."—*Chicago Record.*

— Bobbs—"Mrs. Nobbs is dressed to kill this evening." Dobbs—"Yes, she bought the outfit at a slaughter sale."—*Baltimore Herald.*

— Husband—"What are you going to get me for Christmas?" Wife—"How much are you going to give me to spend?"—*Syracuse Herald.*

— "Yesterday I tried some of those 'Simple Dishes for Luncheon.'" "How did they come out?" "I got them done in time for dinner."—*Chicago Record.*

— Mistress (to new maid)—If there's anything that I can't endure, Lina, it's gossip! But if you hear any news, you may tell it to me!—*Meggendorfer Blaetter.*

— "Dearie, what do you want me to give you for Christmas?" "Well, precious, I've got eleven framed photographs of you now."—*Detroit Free Press.*

— Writts—Briefly used to boast that he never saw a will he couldn't break. Fyfay—And doesn't he now? Writts—Not since he got married—*Town Topics.*

— "What ten books would you take if you had to pass the rest of your life on a desert island?" "Oh, I wouldn't take books at all; I'd take things to eat."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— Mrs. Eli—"Why do you say Mrs. Flasher believes in the actual resurrection of the body?" Mrs. Tee—"Because my husband drew up her will, and she devoted a paragraph to emphasizing the fact that her burial robe should be a street gown, and not a shroud open in the back."—*Town Topics.*

CURRENT COMMENT.

— If it is right to subsidize one industry, it is right to subsidize all. If the farmer should be taxed to support the shipbuilder, the shipbuilder should be taxed to support the farmer, and all other classes of workers who contribute to the annual budget.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

— The Chicago *Tribune* not only opposes ship subsidies, but demands "the repeal of the subsidies enjoyed by Mr. Carnegie and other steel and iron plutocrats, and by the men engaged in some other industries." But the Philadelphia *Record*, in hailing this as "a new attitude of a stanch Republican newspaper," is sadly amiss. It is the old attitude of the *Tribune* three and a half years before every presidential election, which it spends in trying to lead the Republican party into the uplands, while it spends the other six months in following it into the swamps.—*Louisville Courier Journal, Dem.*

— A subsidy organ says that the Frye Ship Subsidy bill is "an endeavor to do for the ocean carrying industry of the United States what the national policy of Protection has done for other industries in this country." The method is somewhat different. Since American capitalists cannot be prevented from buying foreign built ships, it is proposed to give them big bounties out of the public Treasury as an inducement to buy home built ships. While the Dingley tariff indirectly despoils American consumers for the benefit of Trust monopolies, the Ship Subsdy bill proposes a direct raid up on the treasury of American taxpayers.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

— The wife—"I do believe I would fall dead if you were to come home early some evening!" The brute—"You'll have to offer a bigger bribe than that."—*Indianapolis Press.*

— A Type—"The Rev. Dr. Uptodate seems to be an able man." "Very able. He can take any text in the Bible and prove that it doesn't mean what it says."—*Puck.*

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—273 bales cotton, 34 barrels tar.

W. C. & A. Railroad—704 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 8 barrels rosin, 149 barrels tar, 8 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—35 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 166 barrels tar.

C. C. Railroad—71 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 11 barrels rosin, 68 barrels tar, 22 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—30 casks spirits turpentine, 200 barrels tar.

Schooner Ruth J.—12 barrels rosin 12 barrels tar, 81 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—Cotton, 1,083 bales; spirits turpentine, 43 casks; rosin, 31 barrels; tar, 629 barrels; crude turpentine, 111 barrels.

Coppered the Prescription.

"I am a great coffee drinker," said a certain Memphian as he ordered another cup, "though I never drank a cup of it until I was 24 years old. It happened this way: When I was about 24, I had a severe attack of dyspepsia, and after going to several physicians I finally went to an eminent specialist, who, after making a diagnosis, said with the most cock sure air imaginable: 'Young man, your case is a simple one. Coffee drinking has ruined your stomach. If you will quit drinking coffee, you will be well within two months.'

"I asked him how much his fee was and paid him $25 for what he had told me. At my next meal I began drinking coffee, and I have been drinking it ever since. And on the whole I feel much better than ever before."—Memphis Scimitar.

The Ox Pecker.

These starlings not only rid the animals they frequent of ticks and other vermin, but they often peck at sores on oxen and donkeys until they form cavities which measure sometimes two inches or more in diameter and as much in depth. They actually do eat the flesh and drink the blood of these animals. Oxen submit quite placidly to this process of being eaten alive and seem none the worse for it afterward, but donkeys show their objections by trying to rid themselves of the birds by rolling on the ground and running under bushes.—"Birds of South Africa," by A. C. Stark.

Still In Doubt.

"So you have a new baby at your house? What is it, a little brother or a little sister?"

"I dunno," said little Jessie. "We haven't called it anything but 'it' yet."—Chicago Times-Herald.

In China there are large cities that have no municipal organization and spend nothing on public improvements or for official expenses.

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CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet at $1.30 per barrel for hard, $2.30 for dip and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine steady at 48¾@48½; rosin firm at $1.10@1.15; tar quiet at $1.25; crude turpentine firm at $1.50 @2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	43
Rosin	31
Tar	629
Crude turpentine	111

Receipts same day last year.—44 casks spirits turpentine, 188 bbls rosin, 823 bbls tar, 71 bbls crude turpentine.

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Market quiet on a basis of 9⅜c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6 15-16 cts ₱ lb
Good ordinary	8 5-16 " "
Low middling	8 15-16 " "
Middling	9⅜ " "
Good middling	9 11 16 " "

Same day last year middling steady at 7¼c.

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PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 80c. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c.

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CHICKENS—Very dull. Grown, 22@25 cents; springs, 13½@20 cents.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25 cents.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½ cents per pound.

TURKEYS—Live, dull at 7 to 8c; dressed, 9 to 11c.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 40 to 45c.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Money on call steady at 4@5 per cent., last loan being at 5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¾@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484¾ for demand and 480¾ for sixty days Posted rates were 481½ and 485@485¾. Commercial bills 479¾@480¼. Silver certificates 64@65. Bar silver 64. Mexican dollars 50¼ Government bonds irregular. State bonds inactive Railroad bonds irregular. U. S refund'g 2's reg'd, 104½; U. S. refund'g 2's, coupon, 105½; U. S. 2's, reg'd.——; U. S 3's, reg'd, 110; do, coupon, 110; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 138¾; do, coupon, 138¾; U. S. 4's, old reg'd 115; do. coupon, 116; U. S. 5's, reg'd, 113½; do. coupon, 113½; Southern Railway 5's 113¾. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 80¾; Chesapeake & Ohio 39¼; Manhattan L 113¼; N. Y. Central 142½; Reading 25; do. 1st pref'd 69; St Paul, 131¾; do. pref'd, 181; Southern Railway 20¾; pref'd 71; American Tobacco, 110¼; do. pref'd 135; People's Gas 98½; Sugar 127; do. pref'd 115½; T. C. & Iron 63; U. S. Leather 14½; do. preferred 75¼; Western Union 85¼. Standard Oil 820@824.

BALTIMORE, December 17.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 10⅝@10¾; preferred 28⅜@28¾. Bonds—4's 73¼c.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 18.—Spirits turpentine firm at 37c; sales — casks. Rosin firm and unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 18.—Spirits turpentine firm at 37½c; sales 264 casks; receipts 618 casks; exports 89 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 3,283 barrels; receipts 5,602 barrels; exports 295 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 18.—Procrastination was the order of the day in the cotton market Early fluctuations were tolerably energetic and of generous scope, but business could at no t me be called active and after the first hour was very dull. The room element appeared to be content to await the passing of the holidays before making extensive fresh ventures; Europe and the South contributed a few orders, but, these, too, showed conservatism and an inclination to withdraw. On the call the market went off three to six points in sympathy with disappointing news from Liverpool. Soon after the opening there was a decided change for the better, and on a flurry of covering led by the pit traders, prices advanced ten to twelve points On the rise rumor had it that Ellison had increased his estimate of the world's consumption of American cotton to 10,150,000 bales. Again, it was reported that receipts were dropping off in the interior and would soon show steady diminution at the ports. Before midday the bulk of the advance had been lost, prices then showing a net rise of one to two points. The late session was apathetic, with fluctuations very narrow and the market nerveless. At the close the market was steady with prices unchanged to seven points higher.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Cotton dull; middling uplands 10c.

Cotton futures market closed quiet: December 9.59, January 9.46, February 9.35, March 9 31, April 9.26, May 9.22, June 9.19, July 9.17, August 8 91, September 8.33, October 8.00.

Spot cotton closed dull; middling uplands 10c; middling gulf 10¼c; sales 200 bales.

Net receipts 1,051 bales; gross receipts 1,051 bales; exports to the Continent 832 bales; stock 57,759 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 41,687 bales; exports to Great Britain 6,334 bales; exports to the Continent 14,509 bales; stock 925,590 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 137,845 bales; exports to Great Britain 46,720 bales; exports to France 8,150 bales; exports to the Continent 42,083 bales.

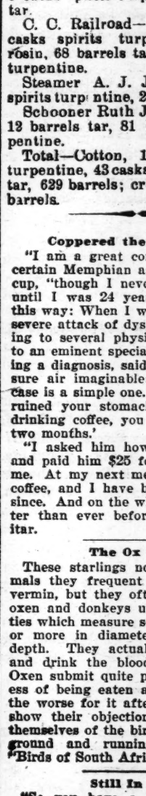
Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 4,099,652 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,577,033 bales; exports to France 320,255 bales; exports to the Continent 1,043,618 bales.

December 18.—Galveston, dull at 9¾, net receipts 15,007 bales; Norfolk, quiet at 9⅜c, net receipts 3,701 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 10c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 10c, net receipts 3,477 bales; Wilmington, quiet at 9¾, net receipts 1,083 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 10¼, net receipts 69 bales; Savannah, quiet at 9 3-16c, net receipts 3,406 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 9¾c, net receipts 9,573 bales; Mobile, quiet at 9 3-16c, net receipts 1,473 bales; Memphis, firm at 9¾, net receipts 2,308 bales; Augusta, quiet at 9½c, net receipts 2,377 bales; Charleston, firm at 9 3-16c, net receipts 470 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Flour was a shade easier, checking the demand. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 77½c. f. o. b. afloat. Options worked from a steady opening on the strength in corn to mid-day and afternoon weakness, resulting from an outside support, a large increase in world stocks, bearish Argentine crop news and liquidation. Closed easy at ½@⅝c net decline, March closed 79½c; May closed 78¾c; December closed 76⅞c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 45½c at elevator. Options opened steady and advanced, chiefly in December, on unfavorable weather and contined poor grading at the West. Later the market eased off



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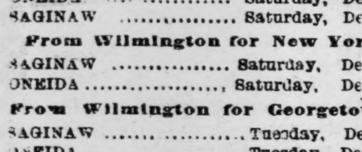

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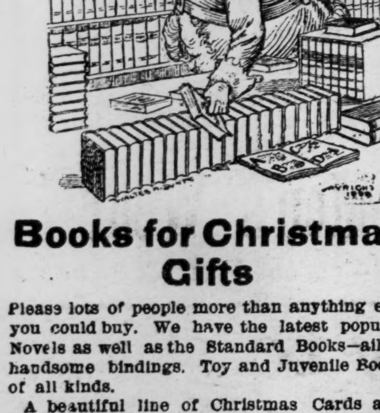

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Long had we pleasant comrades been
And loved each other well,
Yet never had a traitor glance
The secret dared to tell.

And when that first sweet night we stood—
That rose sweet night in June—
Alone and watched the herald clouds
Outride the languid moon,

Yea, even then we did not guess,
But stood entranced, apart,
Until the silence suddenly
Beat with God's mighty heart.

And then—we know not how it was—
We trembled, each to each,
And kissed, * * * and all our pulses thrilled
Too holily for speech.

—Ella Higginson in Woman's Home Companion.

SELLS HIS OLD CLOTHES.

How Some Well Dressed Men Practice a Little Economy.

"Great many ways to make money! Honestly, I mean, of course."

"Tell us an easy way, old man," and the happy go lucky crowd gathered up closer to the "old man" and awaited eagerly his theory of easy money making.

"Well, my scheme, while it may not make you much money and while it is one that a good many of you boys would not follow out, is a simple one. In fact, it is more on the saving line than the making. It is this, Sell your clothes!"

"What! Sell our clothes and run about like the natives in an African jungle? Not much. Evidently you are a bit off today. What's the matter?"

"Oh, I'm all right," returned the "old man," as he stretched himself out in his easy chair and coolly cut off the tip of a cigar and began to puff. "I mean exactly what I say. Sell your old clothes! Lots of people will buy 'em. Listen to me. For years I have made it a practice to dispose of my garments when they had lost their shape or had become too old for my use. My trousers, as a general thing, cost me about $11. Sometimes an especially neat pattern of imported goods catches my eye, and I get soaked for $15. Not often, however, for I don't believe in such fancy prices. My $11 trousers after three months' wear get out of shape, and I dispose of them.

"They are perfectly sound, not a rip or tear in them. For these I get $4, making them cost me just an even $7. Vests that I pay $5 for I sell for $2, and coats which cost me $20 go readily at $8.

"So you see that all around a really good suit of clothes can be made cheap if you but look about you and find your 'ole clo' man. The fellow who buys my cast off garments has been dealing with me for five years now, and he tells me that he has had $300 at one time, and he further has informed me that he bought a small house and lot in Cicero three months ago."

"Well, but a fellow doesn't want to go chasing about the streets for secondhand clothiers, does he? How do you manage to find your tradesman?"

"He calls on me regularly every three months, and my wife, who does the dealing, bundles up the clothes, gets the money, and that's all there is to the matter."

"Do you save much money by your scheme?"

"Certainly. What I pay for a really first class suit of clothes I get back in the ratio of about one-third. A $50 suit will bring me about $15. Then, too, hats which have gone out of style can be sold for a fair price, and shoes will also bring in something. Of course this is pushing economy pretty close to the wall, but it pays, and there is nothing about it that could be called disgraceful."

"Well, you are the only fellow I know who has ever looked so far ahead," said one of the crowd.

"I am? Why, my boy, I can name you at least 20 high fliers—good dressers, I mean—who never think of throwing away their clothing. Try the scheme, and in a year's time you will be surprised at the amount of money you have saved."—Chicago Tribune.

Too Literal.

"It's terrible," said Senator Sorghum as he looked at the paper, "to see how some of us public men suffer at the hands of these interviewers."

"Are you the victim of another base fabrication?"

"I dunno's it was any fabrication."

"But the report was somewhat garbled?"

"No, it wasn't garbled—not a bit."

"Do you—do you regret having expressed the opinions attributed to you?"

"No; they're all right."

"Well, if you admit having given the interview and that it wasn't garbled"—

"There's just the point. I don't know when I have been more disappointed than I was when I took up the paper. There it was, just plain talk. Not an epigram in the whole business. Not a flashing sally of satire nor a bit of pungent philosophy in the whole thing. It made me sleepy to read it. The man that interviewed me before put all them things in, and folks were talking about it for a week after. But this chap wrote every word down straightforward just as I said it. I tell you, it has taught me a lesson. I won't be so confiding another time. The next time anybody tries to interview me I'll find out something about him beforehand. I'll make dead sure that he understands his business and knows how to garble and do it right."—Washington Star.

Consulting His Taste.

"Mary," said Mrs. Willikins, "did the lamb chops and beefsteak I ordered for breakfast come all right?"

"Yes, ma'am," the girl replied.

"And did the boy fill that order for sausage that I gave yesterday?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"We have ham and eggs in the house, too, haven't we?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"And bacon?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Let me see. Yes, Mr. Willikins will sigh for a good old fashioned mess of mackerel tomorrow morning. That's the only thing I couldn't think of."—Chicago Times-Herald.

SOME STRANGE SUNS.

WONDERS OF SPACE THAT ARE SHOWN BY PHOTOGRAPHY.

Blazing Stars That Double Their Light and Heat and Fade Again Every Twelve Hours, and One That Does It Every Fifteen Minutes.

There have been some discoveries made in astronomy which should open people's eyes to the narrowness of the doctrine that our little corner of the universe is a type of the whole. The particular discoveries referred to have been made with the aid of photography, and they relate to the conditions prevailing in certain clusters of stars which have long excited the astonishment of astronomers by the countless number of glowing orbs packed within their limits, but whose most wonderful characteristics have only just been revealed.

Among these star heaps—for when seen with a powerful telescope they really do resemble piles of glittering sand heaped upon a table, thick in the middle and scattered thinly around the edges—there are two to which reference is especially made—viz, the so called Great Cluster in the constellation Hercules and the mass named M5 in the constellation Libra. In both of these the central stars are so numerous that they present a perfect blaze of light, amid which the eye cannot distinguish the individual luminaries. But photographs deal more satisfactorily with them, fixing the images of many hundreds of the stars so that they can be accurately counted and their comparative magnitudes correctly measured. In his photographs of cluster M5 Professor Solon Bailey got clear images of no less than 900 of the assembled stars.

Now comes the surprising thing, a discovery which shows that we have only just begun to uncover the wonders of starry space. Out of the 900 stars clearly photographed in the cluster no less than 85 are variable, constantly winking, as it were. At one time they are between two and three times as bright as at another. And evidently they all obey the same law and are connected in their wonderful vicissitudes by some subtle link of relationship, because while they do not all rise and fall together in brilliance, yet the period of change in every case is of nearly the same length, and the amount of change is also nearly uniform.

Then the rapidity with which these strange suns gain and lose their light is absolutely startling. The average lapse of time from one of their maxima of splendor to the next is only between 12 and 13 hours. Think what a terror our sun would be if twice every 24 hours he blazed out with between two and three times his ordinary light and heat. And that appears to be actually what occurs with the variable stars in M5. It is a series of sudden outbursts by which they are affected. Nearly half the time they are at the minimum of brightness. Suddenly they begin to gain and to glow with waxing energy. In an hour or two they have doubled in radiant power, but still the furnace becomes fiercer. When they have attained their greatest intensity, they instantly fall off again and, less rapidly than they had risen, sink back to their original condition.

In the Great Cluster in Hercules, which also contains an astonishing number of variables, there is one star which actually doubles its light in 15 minutes. A conflagration could not be kindled as swiftly as that. And this blazing star would wrap the whole earth in its mounting flames as easily as a gaslight singes a fly.

There are variable stars scattered singly in the heavens which undergo changes almost as wonderful, but they do not arouse the interest that is awakened by the sight of these clustered variables, whose restlessness seems to arise from a common cause and to indicate that there is something mysterious to our apprehension occurring among them. One is reminded of the old adage, "Birds of a feather flock together."

Besides, what is to be thought of suns that behave after such a fashion, and what kind of life can exist in a star cluster where a large portion of the congregated orbs flare and flicker like guttering candles? It doesn't look comfortable from our terrestrial point of view. And this is just where the significance of these discoveries becomes manifest. We are too prone to wear the green spectacles of our little terraqueous globe. The importance of Professor Bailey's photographs of the assemblage of winking and blinking stars in Libra is largely due to the fact that such revelations tend to free men's minds from the bonds of the old, unintelligent notion that where we dwell is the garden of the gods and that the earth and its luminaries set the pace for the whole creation.

It is a good thing to be assured that suns are not all as quiet as ours, not all cradle tenders for worlds filled with creatures whom slight alterations of temperature and climate destroy as a blast from the north destroys the roses. Those stars that periodically blaze and gleam with redoubled fierceness of radiation give us a glimpse into a part of the universe where the conditions of existence and of vitality must necessarily be vastly different from what they are here. Yet the same elements are there. The variety is in their combinations. We shouldn't expect to meet men among the stars, but there is no reason for expecting to meet nobody there.

The infinite variety of the universe adds zest to the hope that in a future state we shall see more of it. Why should the ghosts of departed men and women hover about this old humdrum earth when such an infinity of wonders is offered for exploration? Manifestly they have never heard of M5 or of the Great Cluster in Hercules or of the holes in the Milky Way or of the kingly splendors of Aldebaran. If they had heard of them, they would have departed long ago to visit such wonders. Let them get away from the scene of their dusty terrestrial pilgrimage and banish the memory of their troubles here and refresh themselves among the perennial marvels of the star clusters.—Garrett P. Serviss in New York Journal.

Inconsistent.

Benham—I claim that the stage is an educator.

Mrs. Benham—I don't agree with you. You took me to a temperance play the other night and went out three times between the acts.—Harper's Bazar.

Not Digestible.

Tramp—Please, ma'am, will you give me a bite to eat?

Lady—I haven't anything cooked, but I can give you a pair of old shoes.

Tramp—Excuse me, ma'am, but I'm no goat.

Early Lamps and Wicks.

It would be hazardous to conjecture what the first wick consisted of, but when we come to consider the iron lamp, or "crusie," we know that the wick commonly used was the pith of the rush, which was gathered and partially stripped of its outer green covering, cut into proper lengths, dried and tied up into bundles ready for use. The iron lamp was hammered out of one piece of iron in a stone mold. This was usually done by the blacksmith, and the molds are still to be seen in museums, in the hands of private collectors and no doubt at some of the country blacksmiths' shops. They are of one uniform shape, with some slight varieties. The lamp consists of two cups, one suspended above and inside the other. The suspender is so fixed and notched as to enable the upper cup, which holds the oil and wick, to be shifted to keep the oil constantly in contact with the wick. The lower cup catches the drip of the oil, which can be easily replaced in the upper cup by lifting it off until the oil is poured into it. The upper cup has sometimes a movable lid.—Chambers' Journal.

Exposition and War.

In 1851 Europe was in profound peace and prosperity. Business was good and reforms had been granted because of the outbreaks of 1848. The prince consort (Albert) of Britain, who was then at the height of his influence, believed that war was practically a thing of the past. The Crystal Palace show was devised by him as a great peace jubilee of all nations. Scarcely had it closed before Britain, France, Italy and Turkey were combining in a bloody, indecisive, inglorious war against Russia in the Crimea.—Chicago News.

BOUGHT A FEW STOCKS TOO.

A Loving Wife Showed Her Husband the Error of His Ways.

He was a business man making a nice little sum every year for nest egg purposes besides extending his business and slowly but surely moving along toward Easy street. Yet he was not content, and in the hope of forcing the hand of Fortune was doing some trading in the stock market. His wife said it was gambling, pleading with him to stop. He insisted that it was perfectly legitimate and regular and she finally admitted that he was right and gave up the contest.

His wife gave him no further trouble until one Sunday morning she appeared ready for church in a handsome new cloak. He wanted to know where she got it, and she told him that he would learn by and by. He went to church with her, feeling uncomfortable. He kept his peace, however, and said no more until the next Sunday, when she appeared in a rich, black silk gown. He asked questions, but got no answers that were satisfying. All that week he worried so over that cloak and the silk that he lost his grip on the market and fell short seriously. Sunday came again, and this time she had a pair of diamonds in her ears that fairly dazzled his eyes.

He hadn't a spark of jealousy in his nature, and he believed implicitly in his wife, but this was really too much.

She calmly took from her desk a lot of blanks with which he was quite familiar and handed them to him.

"They are the records of my transactions in stocks recently," she said, with an air of triumph. "I borrowed $50 on the diamond ring you gave me when we were married and handed it over to Brother Charlie to invest for me. I told him you said it was all right, and he did as I told him to do. I didn't know a thing in the world about it, of course, but I was lucky, and I have made $1,500, and if the luck doesn't go against me I'll make another thousand next week. It is too easy for anything, and you know, dear, you showed me so clearly that there was nothing wrong in it. I have paid our share of the preacher's salary, too, for the next year, and I'm thinking of organizing a Daughters of the Stock Market in the church. Won't it be lovely?"

"Mary, my dear," he said solemnly, "if you'll quit, I will," and Mary, after the manner of women, began to cry, she was so glad that it turned out just as it did.—Detroit Free Press.

Caution.

"It is a pity so many children look so stupid, isn't it?"

"Yes, it is."

"Just see that one across the road?"

"Hold on; that may be one of mine."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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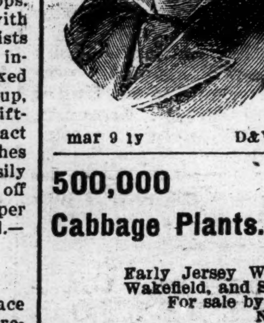

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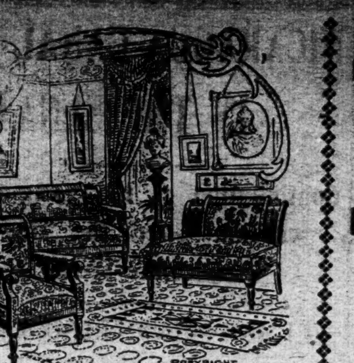

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TRAIN 41 Leaves Wilmington at 3:05 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:14 P. M., Pembroke 5:35 P. M., Maxton 6:06 P. M., Hamlet 7:05 P. M., Wadesboro 8:15 P. M., Monroe 9:20 P. M., Charlotte 10:20 P. M., Athens, Ga., 3:43 A. M., Atlanta 6:05 A. M.

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Other trains arrive at Hamlet as follows: Train 402 from Atlanta, Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lincolnton, Charlotte and Monroe at 9:37 P. M.; train No. 41 from Portsmouth at 7:10 P. M.; train No. 27 from Richmond and points North at 10.27 P. M; train No. 44 from Columbia and points South at 9 40 P. M., and train No. 66 from Columbia and points South at 9 00 A. M.

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DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.10 A. M., Warsaw 11.24 A. M., Goldsboro 12.21 P. M., Wilson 1.18 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.48 P. M., Tarboro 2.21 P. M., Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 6.21 P. M., Richmond 7.25 P. M., Norfolk 5.15 P. M., Washington 11.20 P. M., Baltimore 1.03 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.30 P. M., Warsaw 8.43 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., †Tarboro 6.46 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.23 P. M., Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.25 A. M., Petersburg 2.37 A. M., Richmond 3.25 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.20 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 3.35 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.58 P. M., Chadbourn 5.30 P. M., Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9 12 P. M., Columbia 10.35 P. M., Denmark 5.55 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 2 45 A. M., Jacksonville 8.30 A. M., St. Augustine 11.1? A. M., Tampa 6.45 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.05 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York *9.25 P. M., Philadelphia 12.20 A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.00 A. M., Petersburg 9.48 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4.22 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.

DAILY 9.20 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 8 55 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., Washington 3.12 P M., Richmond 6.50 P. M., Petersburg 7.25 P. M., †Norfolk 3.20 P. M., Weldon 9.05 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.15 A. M., Leave Wilson 5 57 A. M., Goldsboro 6.45 A. M., Warsaw 7.38 A. M., Magnolia 7.51 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.50 A. M., Sanford 2.20 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.30 A. M., Charleston 6.48 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.29 P. M., Columbia 6 40 A. M., Sumter 8.05 P. M., Florence 9.55 A. M., Marion 10.35 A. M., Chadbourn 11.41 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.12 P. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.25 P. M. No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.05 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 4.20 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.30 P. M.

Daily except Sunday.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.05 A. M., Maxton 9.15 A. M., Red Springs 9.51 A. M., Hope Mills 10.55 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.45 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.12 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 8 17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 18 A. M., arrives Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.17 P M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11 00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.10 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.00 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 8.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.20 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.20 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.45 A. M., 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. and 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Clinton 6 45 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.13 A. M., arrive Latta 10.31 A. M., Dillon 10.42 A. M., Rowland 10.58 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.06 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.28 P. M., Latta 6.42 P. M., Pee Dee 7.08 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.15 A. M., Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 7.35 P. M., Manning 8.04 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.43 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 5.40 A. M., †7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 10.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 6.30 A. M., †4.15 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.00 A. M.; †3.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.25 P. M., Bennettsville 9.22 P. M., Gibson 10.20 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.50 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M.

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Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.59 P. M., 10.40 P. M., arrive Selma 2.48 P. M., 11.18 P. M., Smithfield 3.03 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.25 P. M., 12.39 A. M., Rowland 6.06 P. M., returning leave Rowland 10.33 A. M., Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., 10.22 P. M., Dunn 1.06 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M., Selma 1.50 P. M., 11.35 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 12.13 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.05 A. M., Creston 4.54 A. M., arrive Denmark 5.55 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.29 P. M., Creston 5.32 P. M., Sumter 6.24 P. M. Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrive Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leave Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrive Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.15 P. M. Returning, leave Lucknow 1.50 P. M., arrive Elliotts 3.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

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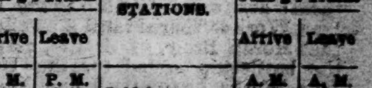

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. GOING WEST.

3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	4 Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro........	11 05	....
....	4 22	Kinston........	10 12	....
5 40	5 50	Newbern........	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City.	7 22	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 19.

OPERATIONS OF U. S. TROOPS IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Entrenched Position Attacked by Volunteers--Three of the Latter Wounded. Troops Returning Home.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA December 18.—Lieutenant Herbert L. Evans, of the Forty-fourth volunteer infantry, with fifty men, attacked, December 12th, several hundred bolomen and fifty insurgents armed with rifles, occupying an entrenched position at Tonoxigan, Island of Cebu. The Americans had three men wounded and the enemy lost twelve men killed and many wounded.

The volunteer regiments will proceed to the United States to be mustered out in practically the same order as they arrived in the Philippine islands. They will be replaced by regulars, provided by the army bill. The Seventy seventh volunteer regiment, which is to begin the homeward movement by embarking on New Year's day, will be brought from the Laguna de Bay district and will sail on the transport Sheridan. The women and sick soldiers who were to sail on the Sheridan will leave on the Warren Saturday.

The Eleventh cavalry, which is to follow the Thirty seventh volunteer regiment, will be transferred here from Camarines province and will sail January 15th on the Meade.

The Thirty-sixth regiment, which began service the earliest, in July, 1899, is now in the province of Ilocos, but will be transported here soon.

The officers of the regular army holding commissions in volunteer regiments will be retained in the Philippines and volunteer officers on special duty will be relieved only on the authority of headquarters.

Arms, ammunition, equipment, stores and animals will be transferred to division headquarters, excepting a hundred rifles, a hundred cartridge belts and five thousand rounds of ammunition per regiment. The men will retain their haversacks and utensils.

Volunteers desiring to leave the service and remain in the Philippines will be allowed to do so. Enlisted natives will be discharged.

It is believed that the temporary depletion of many posts and the checking of operations will result in renewed insurgent activity. The announcement this afternoon of the early commencement of transportation home of the volunteers caused surprise.

General Hughes reports that 21,000 persons in the island of Panay have sworn allegiance to the United States.

CLEMENTS' NARROW ESCAPE.

Entire British Force Came Near Being Captured—Boers' Plans Skillfully Executed.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 18 —Details of the defeat of the British at Nooitgedacht indicate that General Clements' entire force had a narrow escape from capture. The Boer plans were splendidly laid. If the main British column had tarried a little longer there would have been a complete success for the Boers, who exposed themselves undauntedly, yelling and waving their arms. Their rushes were only stemmed by artillery.

After the British retreat the Boers held a prayer meeting. Their hymns could be heard by the retiring British. All accounts indicate a heavy Boer loss.

Colonel Legge exhibited splendid bravery. He shot five Boers with his revolver before he fell with three bullets in his body.

CAPE TOWN, December 18.—The Boers who crossed the Orange river into Cape Colony, west of Aliwalnorth on Saturday, encountered the Cape Rifles and Brabant's force, who retired with loss.

Boers Raiding Cape Colony.

LONDON, December 19.—"The Boers have raided Cape Colony at two separate points, one hundred miles distant," says the Cape Town correspondent of the *Daily Mail*. "One commando advanced upon Phillipstown, between Coloosburg and Kimberley. The other, supposed to be Herzog's commando, crossed the Orange river between Odendaal stream and Buethulie, northwest of Burghersdorp, its objective apparently being Cradock.

"General MacDonald is engaging the invaders, who have no guns, twenty miles west of Burghersdorp. The latest news is that they are being slowly forced back to the Orange river, where a warm reception is being prepared for them."

TO BUILD BATTLESHIPS.

The Board of Naval Construction Designates the Firms Getting the Contracts.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—The Board of Naval Construction, considering the bids for the construction of battleships and cruisers, has settled these points:

One of the big armored cruisers shall go to Cramps, one to Newport News, and one to the Union Iron Works, in California.

One battleship shall go to the Fore River Engine Works, at Quincy, Massachusetts.

This leaves seven ships to be disposed of, and while in view of the fact that another meeting of the board is to be held it is not possible to make the prediction with absolute accuracy, the indications are that these will be distributed as follows:

One cruiser and one battleship to Cramps, making three for them; one cruiser and one battleship to Newport News, making three for them; one cruiser and one battleship to the Union Iron Works, making three for them; and one battleship to the Bath Iron Works There is still a possibility that Moran Bros., of Seattle, may get the battleship slated for the Union Iron Works, or the Bath Iron Works.

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Consultation at the British Foreign Office With U. S. Minister Choate.

THE "IRREVOCABLE" CLAUSE.

Efforts Being Made to Clear Up the Muddle and Bring About a Signing of the Joint Note—The Conditions in Pekin Not Hopeful.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 18.—Mr. Choate, the United States ambassador, had a long conference this afternoon regarding the Chinese situation with the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Marquis of Lansdowne, and subsequently Mr. Henry White, secretary of the United States embassy, paid a visit to the Foreign Office. The greatest secrecy is maintained as to the outcome of these consultations.

Some explanation, however, was gathered by a representative of the Associated Press of the extraordinary tangle in which the Chinese negotiations have recently been mixed up, and some reconciliation of the contradictory telegrams that have emanated from Pekin and various European capitals.

It appears that over a week ago the Powers came to an agreement to eliminate the word "irrevocable" from the joint note. Then when it was believed that everything had been settled objections were raised; and Great Britain, for harmony's sake, although much against her will, agreed to reinsert the "irrevocable" clause. In this, it is believed, she was supported by the United States.

Misunderstanding in Pekin.

Once more the joint note seemed on the verge of signature, when a misunderstanding arose in Pekin. This confused the governments and formed the object of the dispatch from Secretary Hay which Mr. Choate transmitted to to the Marquis of Lansdowne to-day.

As the result of the interview, Mr. Choate has sent a long cablegram to Secretary Hay, in which he attributes the latest misunderstanding to an error in forwarding instructions, an error which occurred presumably through the cable company, and which caused Mr. Conger and Sir Ernest Santow, the British minister in Pekin, to take opposite views, although their home governments were perfectly agreed.

The United States embassy, while non committal, hopes that to-day's conference will clear up the muddle and bring about a signing of the joint note in Pekin within a few days.

Not so Hopeful.

The British Foreign Office is not quite so hopeful. Officials there profess to be rather at sea, as to whether the conditions are to be irrevocable or otherwise. Indications point to their being irrevocable.

British officials admit that they gave in under protest and with a distinct reservation, that although the demands are irrevocable this in no way necessitates an enforcement of the demands by European troops. To such a course Great Britain cannot and will not agree.

Consequently, compliance with the "irrevocable" clause will be somewhat of a farce on the part of Great Britain and this feature of the case becomes more interesting when taken in conjunction with the statement authoritatively made here that Great Britain and the United States are in the same boat in the joint note negotiations.

Loot to be Restored.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Government has decided that all objects, unless material of war, which have been seized or shall be seized by the French expeditionary force in China shall be restored, whether belonging to the Chinese government or to private individuals.

Waldersee Issues Orders.

PEKIN, Dec. 18 —Count Von Waldersee has issued an order assigning various districts in the neighborhood of Pekin for supervision of the military representatives of the various Powers. The order says that the extent to which the co-operation of the French and American troops can be depended upon is a matter to be determined by agreements made with the generals commanding these forces. Under the plan the United States troops will supervise the district southeast of Pekin from the road to Tshang Tshang to the road extending from Nak Krin to Ho Si Wu.

Count Von Waldersee says he knows that there is a considerable force of Chinese under General Ma in the northern part of the Province of Shan Si, and another south of Tshang-Tshang, but during the severe winter that has now set in he does not expect any aggressive Chinese movement.

On the other hand, wherever the allies leaves a district for any length of time, bands of robbers and Boxers will congregate. For this reason the field marshal desires the co-operation of all the allies to cover the various districts with strong patrols.

It is now understood that a meeting of the foreign envoys will be held to-morrow.

Situation Not Improved.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A Pekin dispatch to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, dated December 17th, says:

"The situation has not improved by the representatives of the Powers having reached an agreement, as the scope of the negotiations is limited and the effect is neutralized. The allies have neglected to close the arsenals and factories at Hankow and Shanghai, and have failed to check the transmission of supplies of ammunition of the Chinese. Tung Fuh Siang, thus, has every opportunity of rallying and equipping his army. He has secured the position of dictator, terrorizes the Empress and controls the whole movements of troops. It will be necessary to give the military operations of the allies a wider area."

ROME, December 18.—A Pekin dispatch, dated to day, says the ministers at Pekin will meet to morrow, when probably a final agreement will be reached as to the text of the joint Chinese note.

Empress Dowager's Favorite.

LONDON, December 19.—"It is reported from Sian Fu," says the Shanghai correspondent of the *Standard*, "that the real director of the grand council is the Empress Dowager's favorite eunuch, Li Lien Yueng, who was erroneously reported dead last April. He is responsible for the general confusion and indecision. His latest suggestion is that the court should proceed to Nakin.

"General Tung Fu Hsiang is said to be still at Sian Fu. An imperial decree authorizes the provinces of Shan Si and Shen Si to sell titles and decorations for the benefit of sufferers from famine."

The plant of the Brookhaven Lumber and Manufacturing Company and ten freight cars of the Illinois Central railroad were destoyed by fire at Jackson, Miss. The loss is about $40,000.

HAZING AT WEST POINT.

Testimony Before Court of Inquiry in the Case of Cadet Booz, Alleged to Have Died from Injuries Received.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WEST POINT, Dec. 18.—The military court of inquiry which began taking testimony in Bristol, Pa., yesterday in the Booz alleged hazing case, resumed the investigation here to-day.

Sixty eight members of the class of 1902, to which Booz belonged until he resigned in September or October, 1898, were summoned to the court and were brought in squads and kept in ante rooms in the academic building.

This is the first time in ten years that a court of inquiry has convened at this academy. Four of the sixty-eight cadets were examined during the afternoon and all of them who knew Booz declared that his standing with his classmates was not very high, as they looked upon him as a coward. Every one of the witnesses denied that any brutal hazing had occurred and that Booz had been interfered with on account of his religious belief or tendencies.

Cadet Tyler testified he had been made to hold out two Indian clubs one afternoon. He had seen hot sauce given in the mess hall, but not more than three or four drops. He never saw it given to Booz. He never knew of any one in his class being injured by hazing. At night, he said, sometimes some one would come into the room and remove the clothes off the feet of the man in bed and in examining the feet some drops of candle grease would fall on them.

Cadet Myron S. Crissy gave the same description of the "hazing" he had received, and said it was not severe. "On one occasion," he said, "I was asked to hold out my finger and some tabasco sauce was poured on it. I was told to lick it, but I licked the other finger and made a face; it was the face they wanted to see."

Edmund L. Zane, classmate of Booz, testified that he (Zane) had been subjected to athletic exercises.

"Did you ever know any one to faint from hazing?" asked Captain Dean.

"I have heard such reports, but I think the men only pretended to faint."

Later on the witness said, that he had made Cadets Caldwell and Orr sit in a strained position on a chair, for a couple of minutes about two days ago.

This requirement another witness, Cadet R. R. Ralston, explained later was a correctional measure, "not hazing, it being rudeness in the fourth-class men helping themselves at the table in advance of the upper class men." Cadet Wade H. Carpenter, said he was asked to do athletic exercises and bracing in 1898 but that he was asked to do nothing which humiliated him.

WRECK OF STEAMER ALPHA.

Nine Lives Were Lost—The Cause of the Disaster—On the Coast of British Columbia.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 19—Late details of the foundering of the steamer Alpha, with the loss of nine lives, indicates that the cause of the disaster was primarily due to taking an unusual course into the coaling station at Union Bay. Encountering a fierce southeast gale while steaming up the strait, the captain decided to take what is known as the inside passage to Union Bay and kept on the inside of Denman island, steaming up the channel known as Baynes' sound at the head of which stands Yellow island lighthouse on a rocky islet about 200 feet across. The light from this lighthouse is said to cast its warning reflections only towards the north and east, the recognized navigation channel. The Alpha, steaming up the channel at a ten knot speed with half a gale of wind behind her adding greatly to her speed, did not perceive the light and suddenly before a voice of warning from her lookout or forward watch was heard, she ran her bow high up amidst the rocky reefs surrounding the island. The wind which had been increasing in force all the afternoon was now blowing a gale and seas repeatedly broke over the vessel. Plucky seamen volunteered to swim ashore with lines and three were thus made fast to the mainland. By means of this, some twenty-five members of the crew were landed on the small surface of yellow rock, but the captain, engineers and others, who were later drowned, decided to stand by their vessel and endeavor to prevent her becoming a total wreck. their efforts resulted only in the sacrifice of lives. The gale increased and fearful seas swept over the vessel. Boats, bridge, pilot house and masts were carried by the board and with them perished those who had stayed to fight their forlorn hope. Soon the ship's decks were ripped open and the crew standing on the unprotected wave washed rocky islet, heard and saw the waves playing havoc with the cargo in the vessel's hold.

Sunday morning dawned with a peaceful sky and showed the wreck to be under water at even low tide and beyond hope of repair by her crew. Towards the afternoon a sloop hove in sight, and by its aid Chief Officer Wilkinson and the ship wrecked crew were enabled to reach the mainland at 8 P. M. on Sunday evening.

RULES AGAINST THE STATE.

Decision of the Superior Court of Georgia in the Plant Railway Case.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 18.—Judge Lumpkin, in the Superior Court, has decided that the State of Georgia must accept the award of a board of arbitrators and allow the Plant system of railways to pay their taxes according to the sum returned by this board, or about $400,000 less than the original return of the railway officials. This case has attracted considerable attention. The Plant system officials returned the taxes on their trackage in Georgia but the comptroller general of the State refused to accept the figures and made an assessment himself. To this the railway objected and a board of arbitration which was appointed returned an assessment lower than that originally submitted by the Plant system. The comptroller general again objected, but Judge Lumpkin before whom a writ of mandamus was argued, ruled against the State.

Representative Richardson, of Alabama, has introduced in the House a bill to establish a soldiers, home for disabled Union and Confederate soldiers at Huntsville, Ala.

Editor's Awful Plight.

F. M. Higgins, Editor Seneca (Ills.) *News*, was afflicted for years with Piles that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes two boxes wholly cured him. It's the surest Pile cure on earth and the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

NICARAGUA CANAL IN THE SENATE.

Continuation of the Long Discussion Over the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

TILLMAN OFFERS RESOLUTION

Some Other Treaties Ratified—Foraker's Speech in Executive Session—Bard Proposes an Amendment—The House Proceedings.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—Again to day the Senate had under discussion the Hay Pauncefote treaty in executive session. No business of consequence was transacted in open session. Mr. Tillman, South Carolina, had read the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the President be and hereby is requested, if not in his judgment incompatible with public interest, to furnish the Senate all information and copies of all correspondence between this government and the government of Colombia, showing what steps, if any, have been taken by this government to secure a treaty between the two governments, or a modification by Colombia of existing treaties, or concessions, with the view of securing to the United States the right to construct a canal over the territory of Colombia, between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans."

At 12 30 the Senate went into executive session.

The Senate then ratified five treaties of comparatively little consequence. These included an agreement supplementary to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty itself and extending the time within which it may be ratified. Under the terms of the original treaty the time for its ratification expired five months ago. The agreement favorably passed upon to-day extends the time until the 4th of March.

The other treaties ratified were as follows: Extending for one year the time within which the commercial treaty with the Argentine may be ratified and the same extension for the treaty with Great Britain for reciprocity with Jamaica. The new extradition treaties with Bolivia and Chili.

The resolution offered earlier in the day by Mr. Tillman was then agreed to, after being amended at the instance of Senator Morgan so as also to call for all the correspondence with the Panama Canal Company, including all offers on the part of that company, and all negotiations with it concerning the Panama Canal.

The friends of the Hay Pauncefote treaty occupied most of the time in the consideration of that treaty, Senators Foraker and Morgan being the speakers.

Senator Bard, of California, gave notice of an amendment he will offer to the treaty providing that the United States will have the right to "discriminate in favor of American goods shipped through the canal in American vessels engaged in the coastwise trade."

Senator Foraker's speech was a defence of the Hay Pauncefote treaty, and he took occasion to praise in high terms Secretary Hay, whom, he said, in falling into the policy of neutrality, had only followed historic precedents.

Every administration since 1850 had given some recognition to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. To further show the attitude of this nation, Mr. Foraker quoted the fifteenth article of the treaty made between the United States and Nicaragua in regard to the canal in 1867 as a positive and definite declaration for neutrality in dealing with the canal.

Mr. Foraker contended that there is an implied reservation in the treaty as it came to the Senate to protect the canal from enemies. The treaty guarantees its neutrality in time of peace, he said, but we reserve the right to do with it as we see fit in time of war, except that we cannot fortify it. But, he went on, there is no prohibition against our closing it in war time. He found great significance in the difference between the language used in the Constantinople treaty relating to the Suez canal and the language employed in relation to the Nicaraguan canal, and dwelt upon the fact that the Suez treaty contains a provision that in time of hostilities that canal shall be open to the ships of belligerents, although the Ottoman empire through whose dominion the canal was to be constructed should be one of the belligerents. That provision has been omitted from the Hay Pauncefote treaty, Mr. Foraker said, and he argued that the omission should be interpreted in no way except as a confession of difference in intent.

He also contended for the safety of the canal even though it should not be fortified, for it was absurd, he said, to suppose that an enemy would attempt to sail its ships through a canal, 175 miles long and owned, controlled and policed by this country when actual hostilities were in progress.

Senator Morgan traversed much of the ground he had already covered. He said that the ratification of the Hay treaty is a debt we owe to Nicaragua and Costa Rica. These countries, if they should see fit, might rise up and refuse to allow us to do anything; hence, we could not afford to do anything that would offend them.

At 3 15 P. M. the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The House devoted the day to District of Columbia business. The whole time was occupied in the consideration of a bill to change the terminal facilities of the Pennsylvania railroad in this city, and to provide for the elevation of its tracks across the Mall south of Pennsylvania avenue. The opposition was persistent but after much filibustering the friends of the bill succeeded in securing a recess until 11 o'clock to morrow to continue the consideration of the bill.

LOGGING TRAIN WRECKED.

One Man Killed and Four Others Seriously Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SWAINSBORO, GA., December 18 —A logging train, belonging to Rentz, Garbutt & Company, jumped the track of Yam Grandy Creek, and fell into the creek yesterday. Engineer Elmore Vales was killed. Dr. D. R. Durham and Dr. K. M. Nunez, who were passengers on the train, and two negroes, were seriously injured. Dr. Durham after having been extricated from the wreckage, where he was being slowly cooked by a stream of boiling water from the engine at once went to work relieving the other sufferers, until he fainted from the agony of his scalded arms and legs.

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TRAIN ROBBER RUN DOWN.

Channing B. Barnes, Notorious Desperado, Cut His Throat in a Swamp Near New Orleans.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, December 18.—With a gaping wound in the back and another in the left wrist, inflicted by the police, Channing B. Barnes, train robber, drew the keen edge of a hunting knife across his throat, in a swamp near this city to-day, and ended his career. His body bore two bullet wounds—one in the back, the other in the wrist. In the pockets of the robber were found the watch of the conductor of the mail train, many registered letters and a quantity of dynamite. The body was brought to police headquarters and identified as that of Channing B. Barnes, with many alias. s. who was wanted for participating in the daring hold up of an Illinois Central Express train at Wickliffe, Ky., last July, and who, when attempts were made to arrest him in St. Louis soon after, shot Chief Agent Murray of the Illinois Central railway, and escaped over the house tops, evading hundreds of pursuers. His brother and a pal were later captured and confessed.

HOMICIDE IN PETERSBURG.

Richard H. Harris Killed by F. J. A. Pape in a Quarrel Over Cards.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 18.—This morning about 2 o'clock Richard H. Harris, a bartender at the Prospect Hotel in this city, was shot and almost instantly killed by F. J. A. Pape, formerly of Fort Wayne, Ind. The trouble originated in a dispute over a game of cards, in which fraud was charged and a fight ensued. Harris and his companion were attacking a friend of Pape's, when the latter took part in the fight and seeing a pistol in Harris' hip pocket, seized it and shot Harris twice in the body. Pape escaped, but was subsequently arrested and confessed the shooting.

Harris shot and killed Wm. F. Mallory in this city about five years ago, and served a term in the penitentiary. He was quite a noted gambler and considered a dangerous man.

MURDER, ROBBERY AND ARSON.

A White Man, His Wife and Baby the Victims—Negroes Arrested.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, December 18.—A special from Lake Providence, La., says:

The Belle of the Bends, which has arrived here from Arcadia, Miss., reports a murder and robbery at that place Sunday, which, it is thought, resulted in the lynching of two negroes there to day.

Two negroes from a neighboring levee camp went to a trading boat kept at the landing by a white man and killed him and his wife and baby. They then robbed the boat and left after burning the craft to the water's edge.

To-day the negroes were recognized by the property of the white family and arrested. They confessed, and it is said were taken in charge by a mob.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Arthur Spears Metzgar Killed His Reputed Wife and Himself.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BELFORD, PA., December 18.—Arthur Spears Metzgar, a stained glass manufacturer, of Newark, N. J., shot and almost instantly killed his reputed wife, Elsie Dinsmore Metzgar, at Hopewell, Bedford county, early this morning, and then shot himself, dying in a few minutes. The woman was leading lady with the Frank Davidson "Farmer Hopkins" Company.

INDEMNITY PAID.

Moorish Government Has Settled Claim of the United States Government.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—A message from United States Consul Gummery, at Tangier, informs the State Department that the Moorish government has settled the claim of the United States for $5,000 indemnity, on account of the murder of Marcus Ezagui, a naturalized American citizen in Morroco last spring.

SAFE DYNAMITED.

Seven Thousand Dollars Taken Besides Securities Amounting to $2,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 18.—The safe of Dicks & Sally, a firm at Sally, a small town in Orangeburg county, S. C., was blown open with dynamite at 3 o'clock this morning and $7,000 in currency and gold was taken, besides mortgages, etc., amounting to $2,000.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of John W. Yerkes, of Kentucky, to be commissioner of internal revenue.

United States Senator William V. Sullivan, of Mississippi, and Mrs. Maria Newman Atkins of Washington, D. C., were united in marriage yesterday.

John D. Rockefeller has made another gift of $1,500,000 to the University of Chicago; $1,000,000 as endowment fund and the balance for immediate needs.

Petitions for mandamus against The Associated Press were presented to the Supreme Court of Illinois by the Denver *Post*, the New York *Evening Journal* and the Chicago *American*. Each petitioner contends that he is suffering irreparable damage by reason of inability to obtain the news service of The Associated Press.

The President has nominated John C. A. Leischman of Pennsylania, now minister to Switzerland, to be United States minister to Turkey; Arthur S. Hardy, of New Hampshire' now minister to Greece, Roumania and Servia, to be minister to Switzerland; Charles S. Francis, of New York, to be minister to Greece, Roumania, and Servia.

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